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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHERN, NORTHERN, & JOINT SOUTHEAST REGIONAL PLANNING TEAM MEETING

Thursday, December 2, 2021 (9:00 a.m.) Centennial Hall Convention Center 101 Eagan Drive, Juneau Online option available

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) announces the Joint, Northern, and Southern Southeast Regional Planning Teams fall 2021 meeting will be held at the above time and place. The Regional Planning Teams (RPT) consist of representatives of salmon fishing gear groups and ADF&G personnel. RPTs were established by the Commissioner of ADF&G for the purpose of development and amendment of comprehensive salmon plans; making recommendations concerning private nonprofit hatchery permits and permit alteration requests (PARs); and making recommendations concerning the allocation of enhanced salmon throughout Southeast Alaska. This meeting is open to the public.

The Southern RPT will review a SSRAA PAR to move 15 million eggs worth of chum salmon production from Neets Bay to Port Asumcion and will discuss moving Chinook salmon production from Port Saint Nicholas to Trocadero Bay. The Northern RPT has no action items on the agenda and will discuss a potential NSRAA chum salmon release at Port Malmesbury, and an increased coho salmon release at Port Armstrong by AKI. The Joint RPT has no action items on the agenda. Other discussion topics include a review of harvest sampling for marks/tags, a predator study in Chatham Strait, test fishing at Big Port Walter, and possibly additional topics related to salmon enhancement.

If attending the meetings in-person, participants will be required to sign in with their name, current phone number, and email; participants will need to wear a Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommended mask (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html) at all times while in Centennial Hall; and social distancing must be maintained. Participants will be asked to leave the meeting if not complying. In addition, attendance will be limited to 50 persons. If you have any Covid-19 symptoms (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), please do not attend in-person.

A ZoomTM account or app is not needed to attend this meeting virtually. Participants can attend by clicking the meeting link or entering the meeting link into a web browser, or by going to https://zoom.us/join and entering the meeting ID. Passwords can be obtained by contacting ADF&G. Participants may also attend telephonically, number listed below, and entering the meeting ID. (Note: the password is different for attending virtually and telephonically).

For meeting invitation, passwords, copies of the agenda or additional information, please contact Mr. Pryor (<u>Garold.Pryor@alaska.gov</u>). PDF copies of PARs can be found at: http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=fishingHatcheriesPlanning.regional

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Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

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